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SUBJECT: BRITAIN AND BELIZE AGREE ON INDEPENDENCE

THE OPPOSITION NEWSPAPER THE REPORTER DATED JANUARY 11, BEING
DISTRIBUTED THIS MORNING CARRIES FOLLOWING BANNER HEADLINE:
"BRITAIN AND BELIZE AGREE ON INDEPENDENCE, IVOR RICHARDS TELLS
U.N."

"THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS CONCLUDED ITS TALKS WITH THE BELIZE
DELEGATION TO LONDON, AND ACCORDING TO A VOICE OF AMERICA ANNOUNCEMENT
FROM NEW YORK THIS MORNING, HAS REACHED AGREEMENT WITH
THE BELIZE GOVERNMENT OVER THE EVENTUAL INDEPENDENCE OF BELIZE.

"THE VOICE OF AMERICA REPORT SAID THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE
UNITED NATIONS, MR. IVOR RICHARDS, HAD REPORTED TO THE U.N.,
INDICATING THAT BRITAIN HAD REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE BELIZE
GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO DISCUSS THE PLAN
WITH THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT.

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"DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE DELEGATION
HEADED BY THE PREMIER MR. PRICE AND HIS ADVISERS BEGAN ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 6 AND WERE CONCLUDED ON WEDNESDAY. MR. V. H.
COURTENAY ARRIVED BACK IN BELIZE ON FRIDAY MORNING, BUT THE
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION UP UNTIL PRESS TIME HAD NOT
DONE SO.

"THE SPANISH BROADCAST, WHICH CAME OVER THURSDAY NIGHT AND AGAIN
ON FRIDAY MORNING, REPORTED:

"EL DELEGADO BRITANICO ANTE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS, IVOR RICHARDS, HA
CONCLUIDO EN LONDRES UNA SERIE DE CONVERSACIONES ENTRE SU GOBIERNO
Y EL PRIMER MINISTRO DE BLIZE PENDIENTES A LA EVENTUAL INDEPENDENCIA
DE ESA COLONIA, INFORMO LA DELEGACION BRITANICA EN LA ONU.
RICHARDS TIENE EL PROPOSITO AHORA DE REINICIAR SUS CONVERSACIONES
CON GUATEMALA.

"THE VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCAST GOES ON TO SAY THAT BRITAIN HAS
BEEN TRYING TO LEAVE HER LAST COLONY ON THE CONTINENT (IN A) WAY
WHICH WILL CAUSE THE LEAST POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS, AND THAT THESE
EFFORTS IN LONDON, NEW YORK, BELIZE AND GUATEMALA WERE YIELDING
RESULTS."

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